## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 475**

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A RESOLUTION to commend Napoleon "Donut" Williams for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Napoleon "Donut" Williams is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout a long and distinguished career that includes nearly forty years in law enforcement, Mr. Williams has served as an excellent ambassador for Chattanooga, routinely going beyond the call of duty to make his community an even better place to live, not for personal gain or remuneration, but rather out of his compassion for and sense of duty to his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, with his heart of gold, his smiling face, and his tremendous sense of humour, Napoleon "Donut" Williams has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Howard High School, Mr. Williams graduated from the Federal Narcotic Drug Academy in Miami, Florida, in 1968, received an A.S. in Criminal Justice from Cleveland State Community College in 1974, and a B.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in April of 1968, Napoleon Williams became the first black detective in the history of the Chattanooga Police Department, and he retired with the rank of Inspector after 28 years of meritorious service as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams currently serves with acumen and alacrity as Chief of Police at Chattanooga State Technical Community College, where he is responsible for all issues of safety at the college and supervises twenty-one security officers, nine police officers, and twelve security guards; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Mr. Williams still finds time to contribute his remarkable talents to his community as a member of numerous civic organizations, including serving as President of the Howard High School Alumni Association, Co-Chair and Organizer of the Southside Family Reunion, and a valuable member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Urban League, Tennessee Black Caucus Retreat, NAACP, and the James F. Kelly Council; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Donut Williams is an active member of Union Hill Baptist Church, where he faithfully serves as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he possesses an extraordinary ability to bring large numbers of people together for social events, fund raising, and charitable work; and

WHEREAS, his popular weekly radio show, *Donut and Friends*, provides community information and entertainment that transcends generational and ethnic lines; and

WHEREAS, Donut Williams epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Napoleon "Donut" Williams for his many years of meritorious service to the people of Tennessee as a law enforcement professional and for his unswerving commitment to the greater good and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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